

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Objections to the Claims

Examiner objected to claims 2, 11, and 14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Independent claims 1, 10, and 13 have been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of claims 2, 11, and 14, respectively. Applicant thereby submits that claims 1, 10, and 13 are now allowable.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 3 - 7, 9 - 10, 12 - 13, 15 - 23 and 25 - 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Barrall et al., U.S. Patent Application No. US 20020065924 (hereinafter "Barrall").

The Examiner has stated that claims 2, 11, and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 10, and 13 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 2, 11, and 14, respectively, and are therefore allowable. Claims 3-6, 12, and 15 depend from the independent claims 1, 10, and 13, and therefore include all the limitations of those claims. Since claims 1, 10, and 13 are allowable, claims 3-6, 12, and 15 are also allowable.

Claims 7 and 16 include the limitation of wherein a read request is within a write packet. Barrall does not disclose this limitation, and therefore does not anticipate claims 7 or 16. The Examiner has stated that the prior art does not

teach a read request within a write packet. Therefore, claims 7 and 16 are not anticipated by Barrall.

Claims 19, 23, 26, 29, 32, and 35 include limitations of a read request flit within a write packet. Barrall also does not disclose this limitation. As mentioned above, the prior art does not teach a read request within a write packet. Therefore, the prior art also does not teach a read request flit within a write packet. As a result, claims 19, 23, 26, 29, 32, and 35 are not anticipated by Barrell.

The remaining claims depend from one of the independent claims discussed above, and therefore include all the limitations of that independent claim. Since the independent claims are not anticipated by Barrell, the dependent claims are also not anticipated by Barrell.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Arlen M. Hartounian at (408) 720-8300.

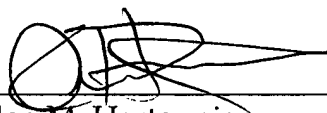
Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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